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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 12, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant believes that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in the present case as the file history sufficiently sets forth the patentable distinctions of claims 1-20.

The patentability of claims 1-20 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on the brief statement by the Examiner. Applicant stands by its position previously set forth in the file history.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree.

Respectfully submitted,



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